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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist *ASB*

RE: Site Inspection, Butt Mining Company, Sage Mine, S/037/058, San Juan County, Utah

Date of Inspection: August 14, 2002
Time of Inspection: 7:15-7:45 p.m.
Conditions: Clear, 80's
Participants: Doug Jensen and Paul Baker, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection:

The operator indicated in the annual report that he is doing some cleanup work in preparation for final reclamation, and we wanted to see the site since we were in the area.

Getting to the site:

We did not go to the portal, but we understand it is accessed by going down Summit Canyon from the Calliham Mine. To get to the vent shaft and building on top of the plateau, begin on US Highway 666 about 1¼ miles west of the Colorado border. Take the road going north toward Ucolo for about six miles and turn east. Follow this road for about two miles into Colorado then turn north. Follow this road north for about two miles then turn back west for about ½ mile back into Utah. After getting into Utah, the road goes along the edge of a field, through a gate, then turns north. Although we weren't sure where we were going at this point, we kept following the road and ended up at the site. There has been some other activity in the area, so the next time someone goes, it may be good to get better directions.

Observations:

The site has been graded and revegetated, but it still has a shaft, a headframe, and a hoist house building (Photos 1-3). The vegetation cover is similar to adjacent areas and contains mostly native species.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The vegetation is established well enough that this portion of the site could probably be released if all the facilities were gone. The site is stable with no danger to the environment or public safety that we could see.

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Jim Butt, Sage Mine

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October 7, 2002

On about September 12, 2002, I spoke with the operator, Jim Butt, who said he has been working on some other projects but that he hopes to complete reclamation of this site, including the portal area, this year. Even if no other reclamation work is done, he needs to ensure that the portal is secure.

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cc:

Jim Butt

Ted McDougall, BLM

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ATTACHMENT

Photographs
S/037/058
Sage Mine



Photo 1. Vent shaft, headframe, and hoist house. View is approximately to the southwest.



Photo 2.



Photo 3. View is looking approximately northwest.